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Patents

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2. U.S. Patent No. 4,983,258, issued January 8, 1991, entitled "Conversion of Pulp and Paper Mill Waste Solids to Papermaking Pulp", of *Maxham*;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,234,543, issued August 10, 1993, entitled "Deinking Method Using Ink Agglomeration", of *Markham et al.*;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,240,621, issued August 31, 1993, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Improving Flotation Separation", of *Elonen et al.*;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,580,446, issued December 3, 1996, entitled "Screen Vortex Apparatus for Cleaning Recycled Pulp and Related Process", of *Markham*;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,587,048, issued December 24, 1996, entitled "Pulp and Paper Products Produced From Recycled, High Lignin Content, Waste Paper", of *Streisel et al.*;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,693,222, issued December 2, 1997, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Improved High-Efficiency Dissolved Air Flotation Fluid Processing", of *Galvan et al.*;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,707,489, issued January 13, 1998, entitled "Processing Wastepaper Containing Waxes, Hot Melts and Adhesives", of *Grumbkow et al.*; and
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